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THE

FIRST REPORT

OF THE

COMMITTEE

APPOINTED TO SUPERINTEND

THE ERECTING OR PROVIDING

OF AN

Additional Pauper Lunatic Asylum.

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OF THE

## ADDITIONAL LUNATIC ASYLUM,

*Appointed April Quarter Session, 1847.*

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TO HER MAJESTY'S JUSTICES OF THE PEACE  
FOR THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX IN GENERAL SESSION  
ASSEMBLED.

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*THE FIRST REPORT of the COMMITTEE  
of VISITORS appointed to superintend the  
erecting or providing of an additional Asylum  
for the Pauper Lunatics of the County of  
Middlesex.*

YOUR Committee have much satisfaction in being enabled to report, that in conformity with the Resolution of the Court of Quarter Session, held on the 15th of April last, authorizing your Committee to treat with Sir William Curtis for the site (mentioned in the Report of the Committee appointed to inquire and negotiate for land for an additional Pauper Lunatic Asylum for this County, presented to the Court on that day) called "Lowen's Farm and Hollick Wood," and to conclude a purchase for the same on the terms proposed in the letter set out in the said Report, with the exception of paying the vendor's Solicitor and Surveyor; they have purchased the said Land on those terms, it having been agreed, in lieu of the clause objected to, that each party shall pay their own Solicitor and Surveyor.

Your Committee thereupon reported the proposed purchase to the Commissioners in Lunacy, and submitted the estimate of the Costs and Expences thereof, as required by the Act 8 and 9 Vict., cap. 126, sec. 28, to the Secretary of State for the Home Department; and they have received a letter from the Commissioners in Lunacy, stating that “the site chosen by the Justices is quite satisfactory to the Commissioners;” and also a letter from the Secretary of State for the Home Department, informing them, “that he approves of the site, and will be ready to approve of the contract, when submitted to him.”

Your Committee, therefore, have now to request the Court to supply them with the necessary funds to enable them to complete the purchase of Sir William Curtis’s land, and to liquidate the expences necessarily incurred; for which purpose, and in compliance with the provisions of the 34th section of the statute 8 and 9th Vict., cap. 126, your Committee have annexed a Report in writing, under the hands of two of the members thereof, of which the following is a copy, viz.:

*To Her Majesty’s Justices of the Peace for the County of Middlesex, in General Session assembled.*

We, the undersigned, Benjamin Rotch, and Thomas Henry Bluck, Esquires, being two of the Members of the Committee of Visitors appointed under an Act made and passed in the ninth year of the reign of her Majesty Queen Victoria, intituled “An Act to amend the Laws for the provision and regulation of Lunatic Asylums for Counties and Boroughs, and for the maintenance and care

of Pauper Lunatics in England," and an Act made and passed in the tenth year of the same reign, intituled "An Act to amend the Law concerning Lunatic Asylums and the care of Pauper Lunatics in England," by the Court of Quarter Sessions of the Peace for the County of Middlesex, to superintend the erecting or providing of an additional Asylum for the Pauper Lunatics of the said County, do hereby Report, in pursuance of the said first recited Act, that the Monies, Costs, and Expences to be incurred by the said County for carrying into effect the purposes of the said Acts, to wit, for the purchase of one hundred and eighteen acres, three roods, and thirty-five perches, or thereabouts, of Freehold Land, at Colney Hatch, in the parishes of Friern Barnet and Edmonton, in the said County, the property of Sir William Curtis, Baronet, whereon to build such additional Asylum, together with the necessary costs and expences of making and completing the said purchase, and of other matters and things, incurred and to be incurred by the said Committee in the execution of the said Acts, will exceed the sum of Five Thousand Pounds.

Given under our hands at the Sessions House in and for the said County, this nineteenth day of May, 1847.

*(Signed)*

BENJAMIN ROTCH,  
THOMAS HENRY BLUCK.

And your Committee Report, that the sum required for payment of the said Purchase Money will be £17,845 6s. 3d. independent of the costs of Solicitors and Surveyors, and of Advertisements and other incidental expenses. Your Committee, therefore, recommend the Court to grant the

sum of Twenty Thousand Pounds to pay for the said Land and other expenses, and as part of the sum required for the purposes of providing an additional Asylum for the County of Middlesex.

BENJAMIN ROTCH, *Chairman.*

*Sessions House, 19th May, 1847.*

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TO HER MAJESTY'S JUSTICES OF THE PEACE  
FOR THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, IN GENERAL SESSION  
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Given under our hands, at the Sessions House in and for the said County, this Nineteenth day of May, 1847.

BENJAMIN ROTCH.  
THOS. HENRY BLUCK.

The first part of the report deals with the general situation of the country and the progress of the work done during the year. It is followed by a detailed account of the various projects and the results achieved. The report concludes with a summary of the work done and a list of the names of the persons who have been engaged in the work.

The second part of the report deals with the financial statement of the year. It shows the income and expenditure of the organization and the balance sheet at the end of the year.

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The third part of the report deals with the activities of the organization during the year. It describes the various programmes and projects that have been carried out and the results achieved. It also mentions the names of the persons who have been engaged in the work.